



An exclusive interview with Deep Purple's Don Airey's wife

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An exclusive interview with Doris Airey, the wife of famous Don Airey: the former musician with Deep Purple and Ozzy Osborne.

Deep Purple last performed live in 2013 and Don has been playing keyboard with them since he joined in 2002.

His wife, Doris Airey, was kind enough to answer a few questions about life being married to a famous rock star.

Doris' side of the family came from Rhodesia and she met Don at a nightclub when she came over for a year as a research nurse. She "never went back home."

When she met Don he was already into music. He started out as a classical musician, until he broke his arm, which forced him to change his genre of music to rock. However, you will still find him playing classical when he can.

When our interviewer asked Doris: "What career would you have liked Don to have?" She replied: "I can't imagine Don being anything other than a musician. There were times, especially when the children were small, when a 9am to 5pm job would have been nice because I was parenting on my own and none of my family were over here."

Don's inflated ego didn't effect Doris in pursuing her own career, because she was determined to be different from a typical famous musician's wife, who was showered

in money and gifts. There were times when her career provided extra stability because she didn't want to live a "fantasy lifestyle."

Doris' predominant job was working at Bourn Hall in Cambridgeshire. She said that working there was very rewarding, "200%". She enjoyed the job to a great extent, although there was some sadness within it - IVF success rates are not high and to see the disappointment in people's eyes really hurt her. However, she did say that "it was wonderful to bring such joy and to see such wanted and precious children come into the world."